

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 6, 25, 27, and 29 are currently being amended.

Claim 6 has been amended to remove the term "or fragments" for clarity. Claim 25 has been amended to replace the term "spectroscopy" with "spectrometry" for consistency. Claim 27 has been amended to replace the term "where" with the term "wherein" for consistency. Claim 29 has been amended to remove the term "the" for clarity.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-31 are pending in this application.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicant requests that the Examiner enter these amendments.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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Respectfully submitted,

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